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To direct the Secretary of Transportation to conduct an assessment of available technologies for establishing a system to access information regarding the motor vehicle driving records of all motor vehicle operators in the United States.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. MORAN of Virginia (for himself, Mrs. MORELLA, Mr. WYNN, Ms. LOFGREN, Mr. WAXMAN, Mr. LAMPSON, and Mrs. LOWEY) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Driver Record Infor-
5 mation Verification System Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

2 Congress finds that—

3 (1) State statutory, regulatory, and adjudica-
4 tory procedures make it very difficult for States to
5 send, receive, and maintain driver conviction infor-
6 mation in a manner that is nationally consistent and
7 uniform;

8 (2) problem drivers can and do avoid detection
9 and corrective action;

10 (3) the federally established commercial driver
11 license information system and the national driver
12 register problem driver pointer system affect only a
13 small portion of the total driving population;

14 (4) the commercial driver license information
15 system does not prevent a commercial driver from
16 having multiple noncommercial licenses and the
17 problem driver pointer system encourages the disper-
18 sal of a person's driving record across multiple juris-
19 dictions;

20 (5) most States do not have the infrastructure
21 to track citations electronically or in a timely man-
22 ual fashion through the court system to the driver
23 licensing agency;

24 (6) a high percentage of citations and convic-
25 tions are never posted or recorded on a driver's
26 record, making it difficult for law enforcement, judi-

1 cial, and administrative agencies to obtain an indi-
2 vidual's complete driving history and impairing the
3 ability of the agencies to identify and control prob-
4 lem drivers; and

5 (7) Congress should facilitate the creation of a
6 new database on driver license history that will af-
7 ford law enforcement, judicial, and administrative
8 agencies with a more effective tool to improve high-
9 way safety by providing for the instant retrieval of
10 a driver's complete driving history and minimizing
11 the potential for a driver to obtain multiple valid
12 driver licenses.

13 **SEC. 3. TECHNOLOGY ASSESSMENT.**

14 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Transportation,
15 in conjunction with the American Association of Motor Ve-
16 hicle Administrators, shall conduct an assessment of avail-
17 able technologies to determine the most feasible and eco-
18 nomical means of establishing a system to access informa-
19 tion regarding the motor vehicle driving record of each
20 motor vehicle operator in the United States.

21 (b) REQUIREMENTS.—With respect to each tech-
22 nology assessed under subsection (a), the Secretary shall
23 make the following determinations:

1 (1) Whether information from the system can
2 be accessed quickly, in accordance with the needs of
3 the States.

4 (2) Whether a motor vehicle operator can be ac-
5 curately identified on each access of the system.

6 (3) Whether the system can withstand the vol-
7 ume of inquiries that would result from full imple-
8 mentation of the system.

9 (4) The costs to States and the Federal Gov-
10 ernment of implementing, operating, and maintain-
11 ing the system.

12 (5) Impacts, other than costs, on States and
13 the Federal Government.

14 (c) ASSESSMENT OF USE OF SOCIAL SECURITY NUM-
15 BERS.—The Secretary, in consultation with the Commis-
16 sioner of Social Security, shall assess the usefulness and
17 cost-effectiveness of using the social security account num-
18 bers as the basis for identification of motor vehicle opera-
19 tors within the system.

20 (d) STATE PARTICIPATION.—The Secretary shall ob-
21 tain the motor vehicle driving records necessary for carry-
22 ing out the assessment from States that agree to partici-
23 pate in the assessment. The Secretary may use amounts
24 appropriated to carry out this section to reimburse States
25 for costs associated with such participation.

1 (e) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—Not later than 2 years
2 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary
3 shall transmit to Congress a report containing the results
4 of the assessment, together with recommendations for ap-
5 propriate administrative and legislative actions. The re-
6 port shall include an estimate of Federal and State costs
7 of operating the database, as well as a description of other
8 impacts of system implementation.

9 (f) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is
10 authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section
11 \$5,000,000 for fiscal years beginning after September 30,
12 1998.

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